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** Media Advisory **

Deaf and hard of hearing students celebrate with Wichita Police Officers

What: Fun Day

When: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 4

Where: Caldwell Elementary School, 1441 S. Edgemoor

Who: Wichita Police Department

An afternoon of fun interaction with Wichita Police Officers is planned for this Thursday for the deaf and hard of hearing students who attend Caldwell Elementary, Curtis Middle School and Southeast High School.

Officers Delana Maris and Charley Davidson tutor the deaf and hard of hearing students who attend Caldwell Elementary, and the Officers wanted to do something special for the children to celebrate their academic success. A number of displays including the WPD Air Section, Bomb Unit, SWAT Team, Clandestine Laboratory Team, Bike Unit and Mounted Unit will be located behind Caldwell Elementary, where Officers will explain their specialized jobs to the students.

Officer Maris said they have enlisted the assistance of a number of interpreters from Wichita Public Schools, Cowley College, and other members of the community.

"We hope to have an interpreter at each display, and we also want additional interpreters available who can assist with any students who want to have a one-on-one conversation with the Officers," she said.

In addition to the deaf and hard of hearing students, the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from Caldwell Elementary will also have the opportunity to look at the WPD equipment displays.

For more information on this activity, please feel free to contact Officer Maris or Officer Davidson at the Patrol West Bureau at 337-9400.